



Congressman Pastor's Washington Update

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Medals replaced for WWII vet



Litchfield Park resident James Broyles, 88, was recognized at Tolleson's July 4 celebration, where he received new military medals to replace the ones stolen from his home about two years ago. Rep. Pastor's staff was instrumental in securing the medals that recognize his valor and service.

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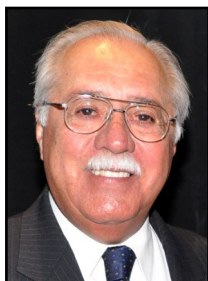
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New health care marketplace, immigration reform continue to dominate landscape

Discussions and votes on Capitol Hill recently have involved issues with the National Security Agency, bereavement leave for parents, preparing for the new health care marketplace and the ongoing debate about immigration reform legislation.



U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor

In regards to the NSA, I recently voted to stop its authority to collect millions of U.S. residents' telephone records. The measure was defeated, but I

will continue to support reasonable limits that protect Americans' civil rights without harming our ability to protect our nation.

On a separate matter, I signed on as a co-sponsor to legislation that would allow grieving parents to take up to 12 weeks of bereavement, unpaid leave when a child dies.

In addition, the nation is about to launch our new health care coverage options made available by the Affordable Care Act. Enrollment will begin on Oct. 1 and coverage starts on Jan. 1. More information is available at www.HealthCare.gov. or by calling this toll-free

number: 800-318-2596.

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Finally, August is a key month to express support for comprehensive immigration reform and I will be meeting with the local business community to discuss the economic boost Arizona would experience with this proposed legislation.

I've long supported an immigration reform plan that unites families and strikes a balance between border security, worker visas and a pathway to citizenship.

Apollo High grad's art hanging in U.S. Capitol

Recent Apollo High School graduate Catarino Carrasco placed first for his district in this year's Congressional Art Competition, held by U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, with his piece entitled "Zoe."

Carrasco is no stranger to the competition, placing third in 2011 and earning honorable mention in 2012.

The Phoenix native said he has been drawing as long as he can remember and has never wanted to stop. Though he has no consistent method for creating his art, Carrasco cites his inspiration as a need to transcribe his "crazy thoughts" onto paper.

Carrasco spends his free time running and with friends. He will be attending Phoenix College in the fall in pursuit of a biomedical engineering degree with hopes of transferring to ASU. He looks forward to a career in the engineering field and starting a family.

Winners of the Congressional Art Competition have their work displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year and are flown to Washington, D.C., to attend an event in their honor.

Carrasco accredits his piqued interest in the city and in political science to the trip. "I really like it there," Carrasco said. "I want to go back someday and look into a summer internship with a representative. I really like the atmosphere."



Congressional Art Competition First place winner Catarino Carrasco and his parents are congratulated by Rep. Ed Pastor. His art piece, entitled "Zoe" will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year